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Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004 originally required a reply by September 2, 2004.

Applicants desire additional time to respond to the Office Action, and therefore request that the deadline for reply to the Office Action be extended two months from September 2, 2004 until November 2, 2004 under the provisions of Rule 136(a). Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$430.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

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